

The Giving Garden at Twin Ponds

The “Giving Garden” is an area roughly 20’x80’ in the heart of the Twin Ponds Community Garden that grows organic vegetables and herbs for Shoreline’s Hopelink Food Bank. In 2013 over 1,425 lbs of fresh off the vine, pesticide-free, organic produce was donated to Hopelink. That equates to the veggie portion of 3,400 Adult Meals or 8,500 Child Meals! More than the produce it generates the Giving Garden is an extraordinary opportunity for those who love to garden to give something back to their community--helping hundreds of people living on limited incomes supplement their diets with fresh, organic, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

The Giving Garden has three large plots (Honey, Mason & Spelling) that are divided into 17 beds totaling about 1,300 square feet. It is run entirely by volunteers and help is always needed. The primary way to get involved is to take responsibility for one bed. Help plant, tend and, if time permits, harvest that bed. Adopting a bed doesn’t require any knowledge and the schedule is very flexible. It does require follow-through. We ask for a commitment of about an hour or two a week through the growing season, typically April-ish through October-ish.

The Leadership Committee will provide a detailed orientation including the planting and crop rotation plan for your bed, the seeds or seedlings, and assistance whenever you need it. We just need you to help plant and be responsible for tending the produce: water, weed & monitor using our organic principles. Sick or on vacation? I’m sure we can work something out.

Other ways to get involved include:

- Come to a work party
- Help on a harvest day
- Clean and bag our beautiful produce before it goes to the food bank
- Adopt a compost bin. We have an ongoing hot composting system that requires volunteers
- Weeding

For more information about the Giving Garden or to volunteer, contact the Site Leadership team at: TwinPondsGarden@gmail.com